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UPDATE ON THE CCR CONTRACTING PROCESS

As announced in the Request for Information that OAL posted in March 2005, the current contract to publish the Official California Code of Regulations ("CCR") ends on December 31, 2005. OAL intends to issue one or more Requests for Proposals in 2005 covering some or all of the functions involved in publishing the CCR and related documents, and expects to award a publication contract after conducting a competitive contracting process.

In May 2005, a blue ribbon panel was established to provide independent expertise and guidance to OAL in fulfilling its statutory obligation to arrange for the official compilation and publication of the CCR. The "CCR Advisory Committee" consists of representatives from the California Supreme Court, the Secretary of State, Legislative Counsel, the State Chief Information Officer, the State Law Library, the State Bar Administrative Law Section, the Northern California Association of Law Libraries, the Southern California Association of Law Libraries, and the San Diego Area Law Libraries.

The CCR Advisory Committee met on June 21, 2005 and engaged in an informative exchange of ideas and concerns about the publication of the CCR. Issues discussed by the Advisory Committee include the current format of the hardcopy and online versions of the CCR, the use of microfiche versions of the CCR for archival purposes, changes by other states in their method for publishing official codes, and issues of interest to depository libraries.

OAL invites additional suggestions and comments from users of the CCR as we continue the conceptual planning phase for the future publication contract. Please contact OAL by mail or email at the Office of Administrative Law, ATTN: Linda Brown, 300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1250, Sacramento 95814; **ccrcontract@oal.ca.gov**.